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FOREWORD

Faith in the future and an attitude of Peace has prevailed against the ravages of time. Seventy-six years of living for Belmont Abbey has not changed the spirit of The Abbey aim of: "Training of the body, the informing of the mind, the strengthening of the will, the developing of habits and skills and attitudes, all these must be for God and in accord with God's will."

How can we fail? By placing the whole of us in Him, the Creator of all things, and showering Him with our prayers for eternal Peace, our Faith can and will remain steadfast and firm.

The present Staff of the Spire believes this issue of our memorabilia should recall to mind, that our veterans who had served their country honorably and with distinction and remembering those future members of the armed forces, who await their call to serve for peace - all hold this precious faith for peace as God's stalwarts.

If this volume projects itself among our student body, the idea of Faith and Peace, we shall have served our purpose. One small segment of the world's population can propagate our sincere wish. Our Alma Mater's purpose shall have been attained and our most heartfelt aspiration realized.

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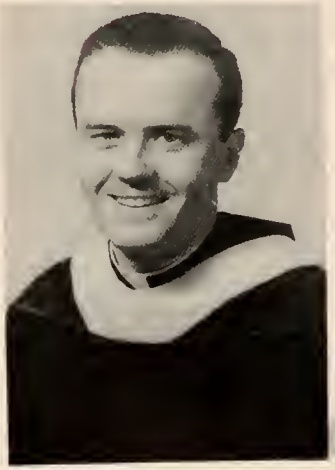

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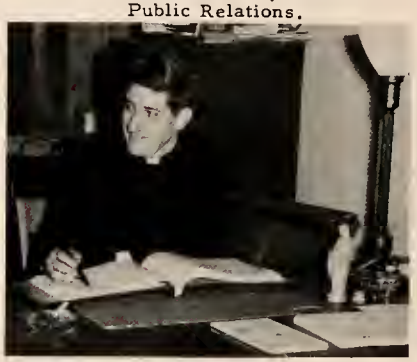

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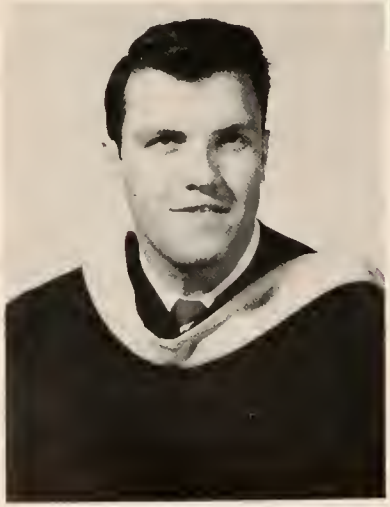

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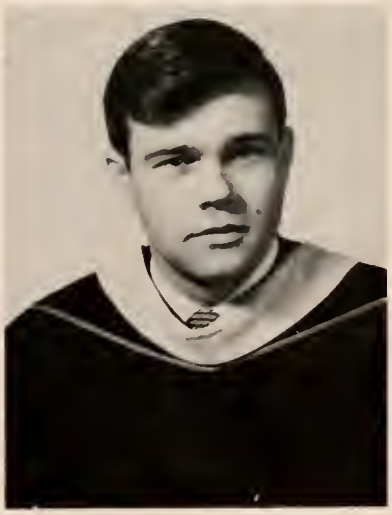

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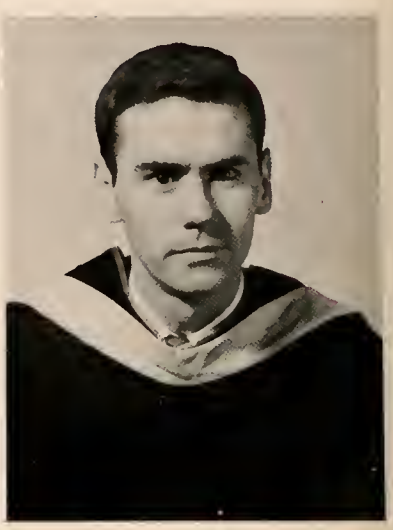

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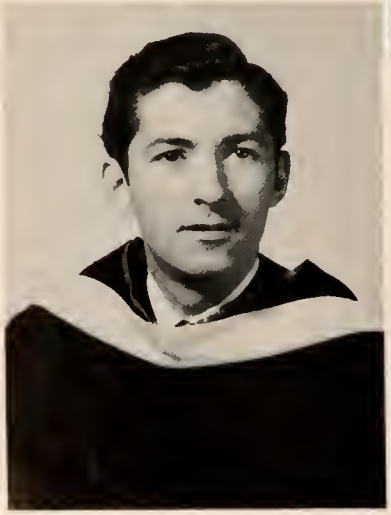

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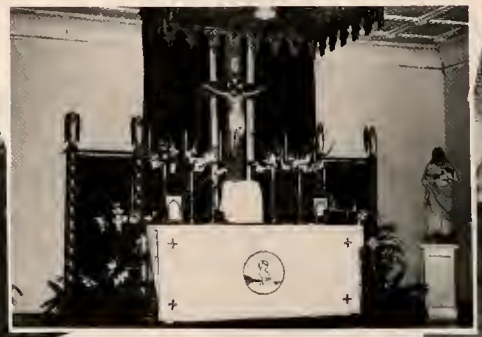

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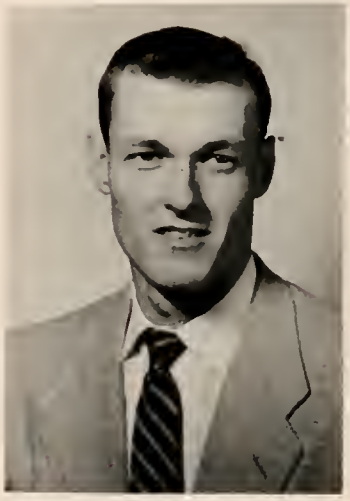

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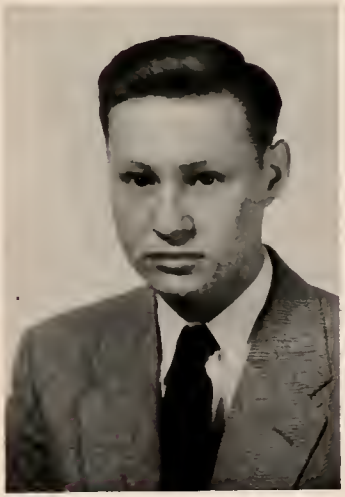

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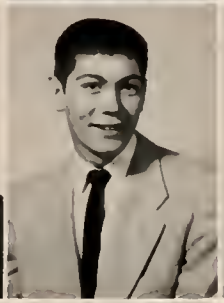

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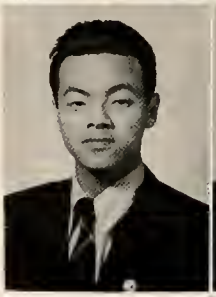

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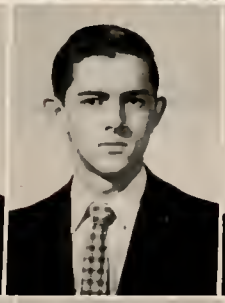

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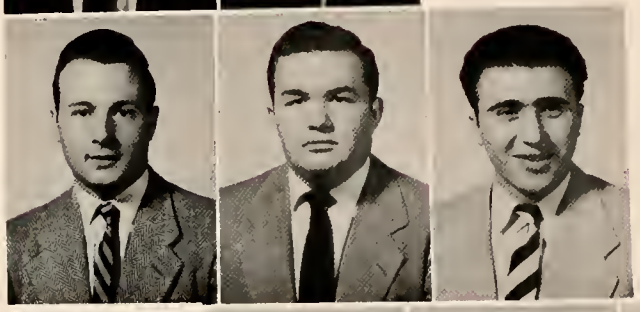

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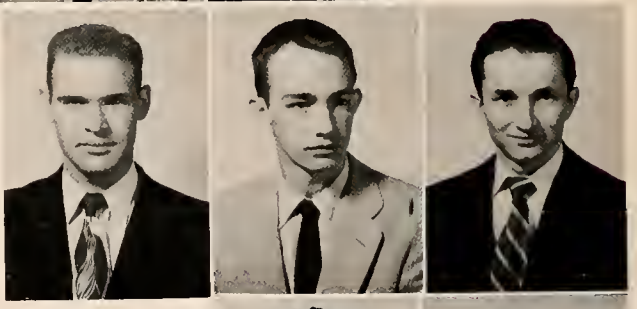

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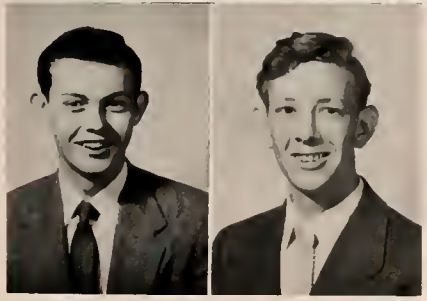

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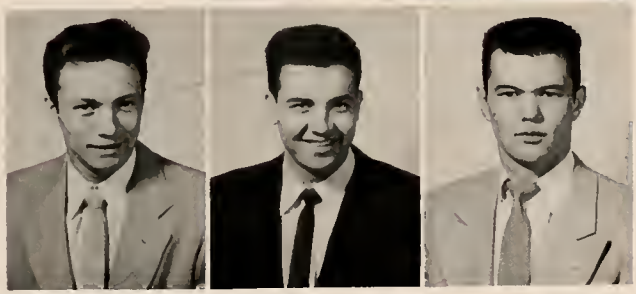

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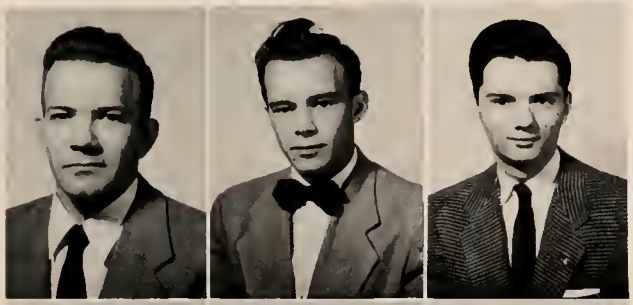

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Belmont Abbey College sponsored a course on HUMAN RELATION in September, 1953, as a service to the community. Mr. Gilbert Farley of the Public Relations Department was head of the series of meetings. In February, 1954, under the leadership of The Rev. Cuthbert E. Allen, O. S. B., M. A., LL.D., a course on MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY was offered at O'Donoghue School in Charlotte. There were more than one hundred adults participating in this Adult Education program. These courses will be repeated from time to time as needed.

ADULT EDUCATION - FIRST GROUP

1. Everett R. Abernethy, Belmont, N. C.
2. Charles B. Black, Mt. Holly, N. C.
3. William M. Bonner, Mt. Holly, N. C.
4. Guy Brown, Mt. Holly, N. C.
5. Harold N. Bumgardner, Mt. Holly, N. C.
6. Roland V. Bush, Cramerton, N. C.
7. Forrest Campbell, Jr., Cramerton, N. C.
8. Joe R. Childers, Jr., Mt. Holly, N. C.
9. Allen Cope, Mt. Holly, N. C.
10. Oliver A. Crawford, Mt. Holly, N. C.
11. William D. Dellinger, Mt. Holly, N. C.
12. Stiles C. Dixon, Cramerton, N. C.
13. D. E. Dukes, Mt. Holly, N. C.
14. Roger L. Estridge, Mt. Holly, N. C.
15. G. A. Finley, Cramerton, N. C.
16. George H. Flowers, North Belmont, N. C.
17. Grady C. Forester, Mt. Holly, N. C.
18. Charles R. Freeman, Mt. Holly, N. C.
19. Coley L. Gaffney, Cramerton, N. C.
20. Wallace T. Garrett, Belmont, N. C.
21. Booth W. Gillespie, Kings Mountain, N. C.
22. Raymond C. Hagler, Belmont, N. C.
23. John W. Hollis, Mt. Holly, N. C.
24. Roy H. Hovis, Belmont, N. C.
25. J. T. Hudspeth, McAdenville, N. C.
26. Melvin S. Huffstetler, Mt. Holly, N. C.
27. William W. Kirby, Jr., North Belmont, N. C.
28. R. L. Lathan, Belmont, N. C.
29. J. Frank Love, Jr., Mt. Holly, N. C.
30. Harold M. McGinnis, Mt. Holly, N.C.
31. William O. Mathis, Mt. Holly, N. C.
32. Clarence H. Morgan, Mt. Holly, N. C.
33. Rome W. Miller, Belmont, N. C.
34. Rufus W. Moseley, Mt. Holly, N. C.
35. Billy B. Moss, Gastonia, N. C.
36. Hugh M. Neisler, Kings Mountain, N. C.
37. Mack W. Pettus, Belmont, N. C.
38. James S. Rotan, Cramerton, N. C.
39. Charles W. Sanford, Mt. Holly, N. C.
40. James P. Smeltzer, Mt. Holly, N. C.
41. John W. Stowe, Mt. Holly, N. C.
42. Bobby F. Wilson, Mt. Holly, N. C.
43. Carson H. Wilson, Mt. Holly, N. C.

ADULT EDUCATION - SECOND GROUP

1. Mrs. Maida Agams, Gastonia, N. C.
2. Neal Bass, Belmont, N. C.
3. K. A. Bowen, Gastonia, N. C.
4. Johnie L. Boyd, Mt. Holly, N. C.
5. George R. Cline, Mt. Holly, N. C.
6. Glenn Hamrick, Cramerton, N. C.
7. Thomas R. Hargett, Belmont, N. C.
8. Vernon Hostetler, Mt. Holly, N. C.
9. John Inabnit, Belmont, N. C.
10. Clayton L. Kanipe, Belmont, N. C.
11. C. W. Kelly, West Cramerton, N. C.
12. Francis S. Key, Cramerton, N. C.
13. Paul Lathan, Belmont, N. C.
14. Paul T. Leatherman, Belmont, N. C.
15. Claude C. Lowe, Cramerton, N. C.
16. Lloyd G. McSwain, Belmont, N. C.
17. Bill Miller, Belmont, N. C.
18. C. E. Mizner, Mt. Holly, N. C.
19. John P. Morton, Mt. Holly, N. C.
20. Piper Osborne, Belmont, N. C.
21. C. W. Rector, Cramerton, N. C.
22. Sherman Sims, Mt. Holly, N.C.
23. Lester R. Van Pelt, Cramerton, N. C.
24. John L. Volk, Belmont, N. C.
25. Miss Jenny Craig Watson, Gastonia, N. C.
26. Clyde Wells, Mt. Holly

ADULT EDUCATION - CHARLOTTE GROUP

1. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allard
2. Miss Betty Cardo
3. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Carr
4. Mrs. James Crates
5. Mrs. Florence Gullil
6. Mrs. Sarah Hermelick
7. Mrs. St. Clair Howren
8. Mrs. Charles Kanupke
9. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lilliquist
10. Mr. and Mrs. S. McGinnis
11. Mrs. Ernie Norris
12. Mrs. Martha O'Neill
13. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Rea
14. Miss Jackie Rhodes
15. Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Ross
16. Mrs. W. W. Scholtz, Jr.
17. Mrs. A. J. Seltzer
18. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tuller
19. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Thompson
20. Mrs. Ann Verna
21. Mrs. Walter C. West, II

ACTIVITIES

MR. DAVID J. GORNEY
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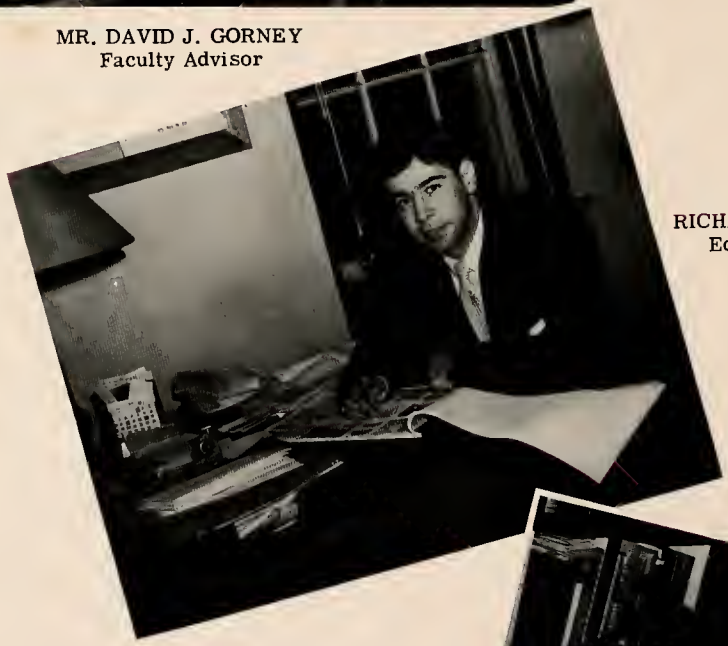

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Seated Front Row L to R: Johnson, Frain, Ros, Davis, Ach, Dragon. Back Row L to R: McBride, Curran, Coyle, Mead, Wade, Ridgely, Cunningham, Noble.

COLLEGE CLUB

PRESIDENT
Stanley Noel

GO!GO!GO!GO!Go-go-go-go! -- Of all the Clubs on the Campus, this group in its first year displayed the true colors of an Abbeyman. They developed order and assistance in all college events at all "home" designated activities.

First Row L to R: Hayes, Muller, Curran, Allen, Grinnell, Stadler. Second Row L to R: Johnson, Dawes, Ros, Wade, Seay, Dollard, Loftin, Gonzales, Hagley. Third Row L to R: Sullivan, Johnson (J. C.), Noel, Bumgardner, McCluney, Zaccour, Dorr, McDermott, Melvin.

WGNC Wednesday Evening Program.

WLTC High School Forum.

STUDENT RADIO PROGRAM

WGNC, WLTC of Gastonia and WBT of Charlotte spread the name of Belmont Abbey College to various parts of our own Piedmont Region of the Carolinas and as far North as New England. TV is next! All phases of programming and engineering are in the hands of students. Under capable supervision, success is only natural.

WBT Panel Discussion Group.

COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCIL

PRESIDENT
Jack Noble

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

There's no one, in this our student body, that can say that our STUDENT COUNCIL, under President Jack Noble, has not had a stormy and hectic year. We have seen rhubards of almost gigantic proportions and there have been meetings where the dove of peace prevailed. In retrospect, the STUDENT COUNCIL this year served its purpose to develop, in a practical way, the powers of self-government, to foster the sense of responsibility, and to cultivate the social qualities.

Front Row L to R: Muller, Noble, Wade. Back Row L to R: Miros, Chesser, Bumgardner, Naso, Mead, Ridgely, Ros, Frain, Cunningham.

THE ABBEY PLAYERS

This group of forty-five members, composed of the young ladies from Sacred Heart College and the young men of Belmont Abbey College and Prep Departments, have had an exciting and busy year. There have been three stage productions; six radio presentations; and two interpretative dramas. The Road Tour, making a swing around Gaston County was a terrific success.

Sitting Front Row L to R: Allen, Baddour, Evers, Kotasek, Brown, Foushee, Carbonetti. First Row Standing L to R: McCluney, Cunningham, Vanore, O'Malley, McBride, Rummler. Second Row Standing L to R: Ridgely, Roberts, Adcock, Evans

Leon Goes Wild!

What's Up?

And Then They Lived Happily Ever After.

Sgt. Costner and Dead-Eye Lazorik

RIFLE TEAM

The indoor range on the fourth floor of the Administration Building during the school year is "booming." The Club is open to every student. The "Ready, Aim, Fire" command teaches invaluable lessons for now and the future.

Kneeling L to R: Jeminez, Rummler, Lazorik
Standing L to R: Campbell, Sgt. Costner, Fagan

WHO'S WHO

L to R: Francis B. Patty, O. S. B., William K. Ach, J. Carroll Thomas, Herman E. Parnell.

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Academic scholarship, student leadership in campus activities and demonstrated college community spirit are the outstanding qualities for which the above have been honored.

These Abbeymen were chosen by a Student-Faculty Committee and are Abbey's representatives appearing in the American Colleges and Universities Who's Who Publication for 1954. To be selected is a distinction; to be included in the Who's Who is a recognition; the above gentlemen have earned the honors that have come to them.

SOCIAL

ACTIVITIES

VETERANS CLUB

VETERANS CLUB OFFICERS:

L to R: Dawes (Veep.), Hayes (Pres.), Muller (Council Rep.), Reid (Sec.).

First Row L to R: Letorneau, Johnson, Farmer, Bumgardner, Dorr, Guin, Dawes, Staley. Second Row L to R: Hayes, Muller, Grinnell, Blackwelder, Johnson (J. C.), Holt, Noel, Murphy, Vita.

ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL

Head Coach McClellan
And
Athletic Director Wheeler

THE CRUSADERS BASKETBALL TEAM

If all the publicity, the pictures, the stories, the incidents, the radio and TV appearances, the injuries, the wins and losses, the showmanship and sportsmanship, the rubarbs and the glorious final achievement of winning the CAROLINAS AAU Championship from the star-studded Marine Five, were to be recorded in this volume of the SPIRE, there would not be space for reporting on other activities. However, let it suffice to say, that in our own simple words, the ABBEY gained much nationwide publicity in this first year of "big-time" basketball. The team was composed of scrappers, and all playing their hearts out with no "star" amongst them. The coach, a shaper of men, molded a Freshman team into a stellar outfit. The Crusaders will ride on to greater renown and will scourge the countryside in the years to come. This we predict!

CRUSADERS BASKETBALL TEAM

Sitting First Row Left to Right: Smith (Mgr.), Taglieri, Connors, Perez, Theberge, (Capt.), Dragon, Protonentis, Underwood, McDermott, (Mgr.). Standing Second Row Left to Right: Fields, Chavarria, Coach Wheeler, O'Brien, Gaetano, Harding, Ciol, Mead, Mims, "The General". Absent: York.

"Moe"

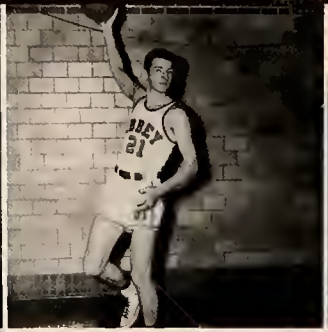
The Big Victory

Jack

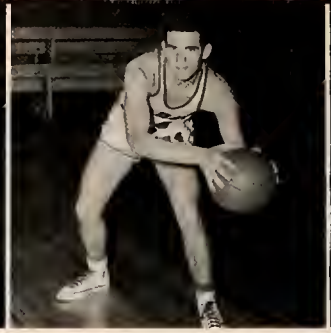
"Humpy" & The "General"

Victory Smiles

Jack's Big Nite



Jimmy



"Lefty"

"Rog"

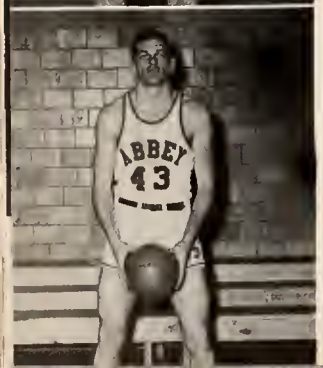
Eddie

"Hook"

Gene

Coach Wheeler, Father Raphael, Father Bradley
The General talking things over.

"Dragonette"



"Sour Puss"

Crus

"Big John"

"Tag"

Frank

Jerry

"O' Bey"

Coach Wheeler, Captain Moe, The General
Father Raphael, after the game!

Joe

Charlie

aders

"Hands Up, Moe"

CRUSADERS BASEBALL TEAM

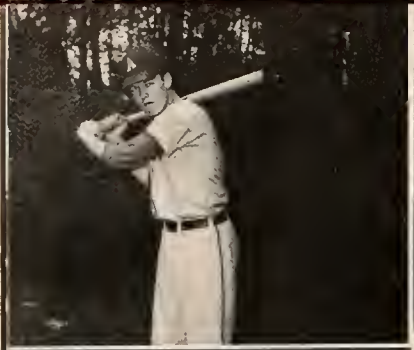
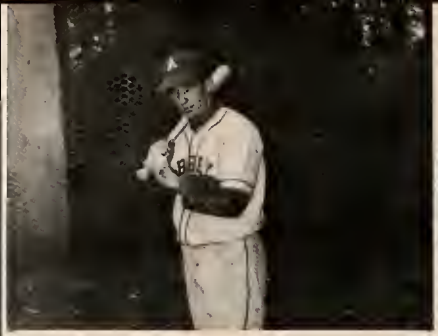
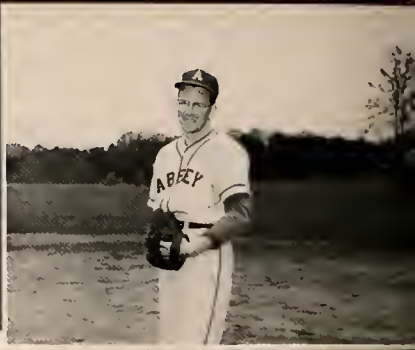
Sitting Left to Right: Lloyd, Ciucevich, Leeper, Frain, Connors, Hovis, Cannon, Lutz, Gonzales. Standing Left to Right: Campbell, Letorneau, Holt, Bambauer, Ros (Mgr.), O'Brien, Adams, Williams, Huffstetler.

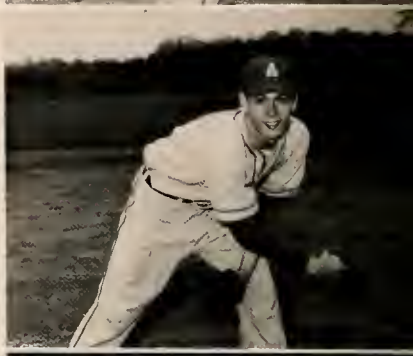
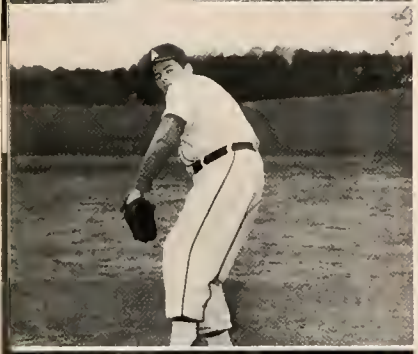
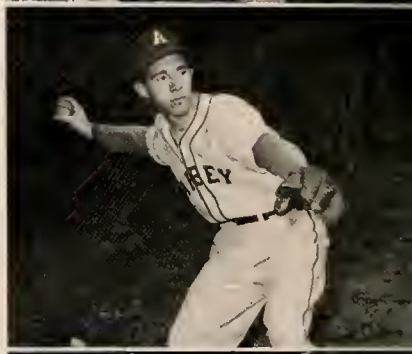
BASEBALL

H. A. WHEELER
Head Coach

THE CRUSADER BASEBALL TEAM

Since we go to press before the baseball season opens for another year, there is little to say. We do know that all positions were strong with some weakness showing on the mound. Perhaps the coach will uncover a Feller or a Pierce, a pitcher who with a good team behind him will bring home the bacon.

FRAIN

CONNORS

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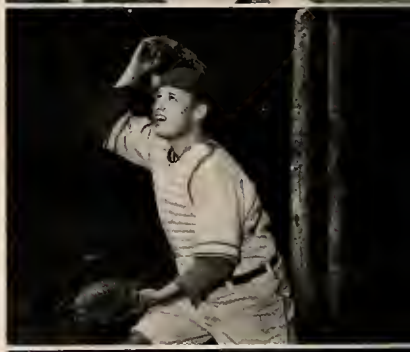
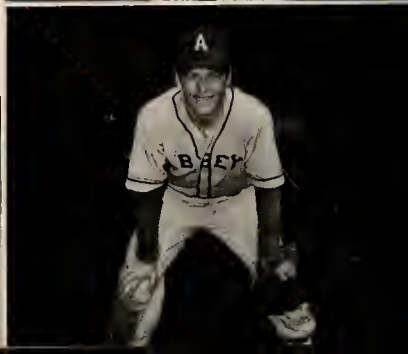
O'BRIEN

HOLT





INTRAMURALS

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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM
HOTEL

FOURTH PREP

FOURTH PREP CLASS OFFICERS

L to R: Stoute, Jones, Gardner, Anderson, Page.

OFFICERS

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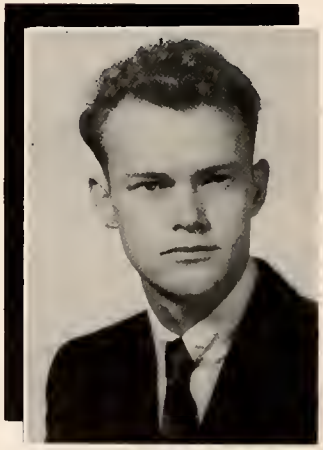
Gardner . . . . . Vice President
Page . . . . . Secretary
Stoute . . . . . Treasurer
Jones . . . . . Student Council Rep.



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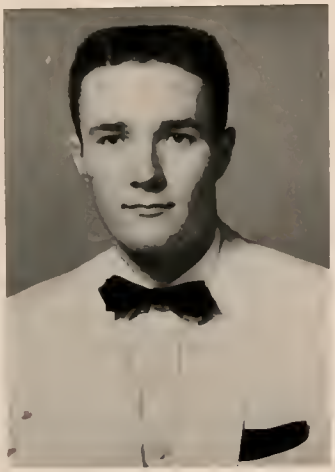
In An Automobile Accident.



ROBERT J. DUNHAM
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Greenville, S. C.

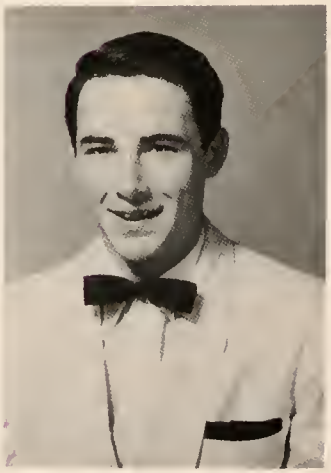
Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Council 4; Varsity Basketball 4; Monogram Club 4.

JAMES I. ANDERSON
"Jim"
Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Class Secretary 1; Vice President 2; President 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; President 4; Editor of THE REMBLER 3, 4; Editor of THE SPIRE 4; St. Benedict's Club 3; St. John Berchmans' Society 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary of Hobby Club 3; Junior Varsity Basketball 1, 2; Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Vice President 4.

HERBERT L. FORNER
"Hub"
Cramerton, N. C.

Veteran's Club 4; Day Student's Organization 4.



J. DENNY FREEMAN
"Denny"
Augusta, Ga.

Class Secretary 1; Treasurer 2; Student Council 1; Beta Alpha Sigma 1, 2; Hobby Club 4; Junior Varsity Basketball 1, 2; Varsity Basketball 2.

DANIEL J. GARDNER
"Dan"
Gastonia, N. C.

Class Vice President 1; Secretary 2; Treasurer 3; Vice President of the Student Council 4; Business Manager of THE SPIRE 4; St. John Berchmans' Society 2, 3, 4; President 4; Beta Alpha Sigma 3, 4; Vice President 3; Secretary 4; Hobby Club 3; Junior Varsity Basketball 1, 2; Captain 2; Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 3; Captain 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; President 4.

JIMMY L. GUINN
"Guin"
McAdenville, N. C.

Veteran's Club 4; Day Students Organization 4.

A. RICHARD HOLT
"Holt"
Cramerton, N. C.

Veteran's Club 4; Day Student's Organization 4; Crusader Baseball 4.

CARLOS A. JIMENEZ
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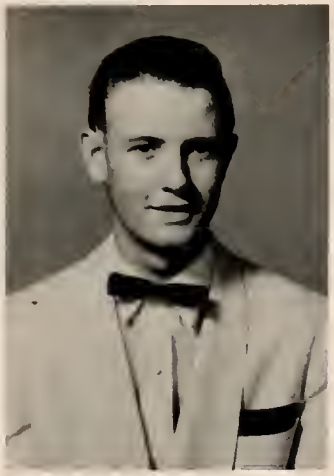
Havana, Cuba

THE RAMBLER Staff 4; St. John Berchmans' Society 4; Rifle Team 4.



EDWIN Y. JONES
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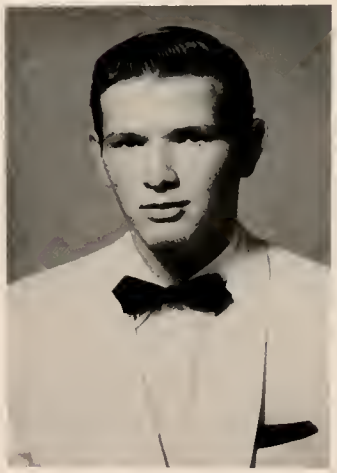
Ware Shoals, S. C.

Student Council 4; THE RAMBLER Staff 4; St. John Berchmans' Society 4; Hobby Club 4.



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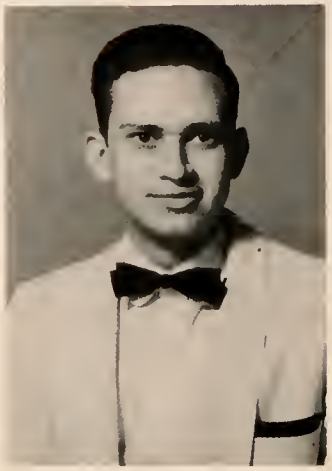
Orlando, Fla.

Hobby Club 3, 4.



MANUEL A. LOPEZ
"Lopez"
Camaquey, Cuba

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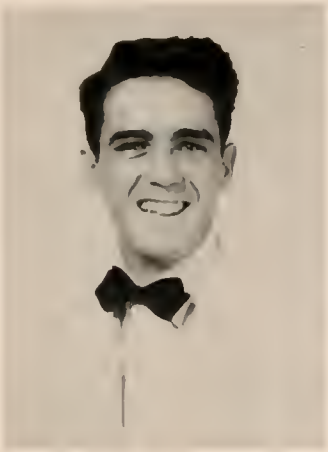
JOHN M. LECLUSE
"La Goose"
Limburg, Holland

Transferred G. M. A.



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"Pat"
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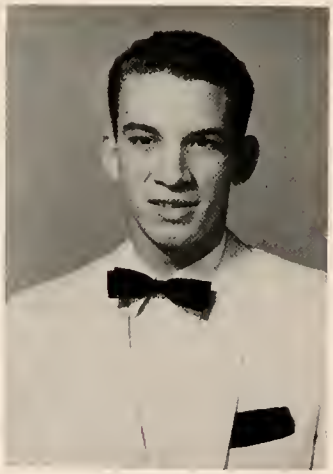
Student Council 4; President of the Day Student's Organization 4; Beta Alpha Sigma 1, 2, 3, 4; St. John Berchmans' Society 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Varsity Basketball I; Varsity Basketball 4; Monogram Club 4.

FREDERICK K. LOUIS
"Fred"
Nassau, Bahamas

St. John Berchmans'Society 4; Hobby Club 4; Varsity Basketball 4.

DEWEY D. MURPHY
"Dewey"
Belmont, N. C.

Veteran's Club 4; Day Student's Organization 4.

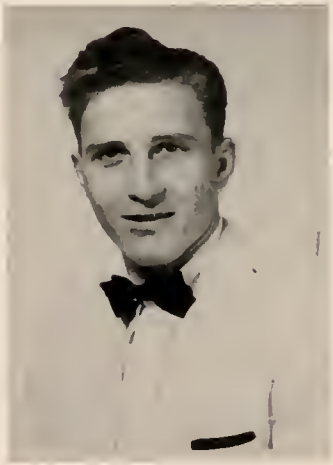


MICHAEL K. PAGE
"Page"
Charlotte, N. C.

Class Secretary 4; Hobby Club 4.

CECIL L. RACKLEY
"Weege"
Independence, Va.

Hobby Club 3, 4; Rifle Team 2.



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"Riddle"

Veteran's Club 4; Day Student's Organization 4.

FLAY V. SMITH
"Smith"
Cramerton, N. C.

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DONALD T. SHIRLEY
"Don"
Gastonia, N. C.

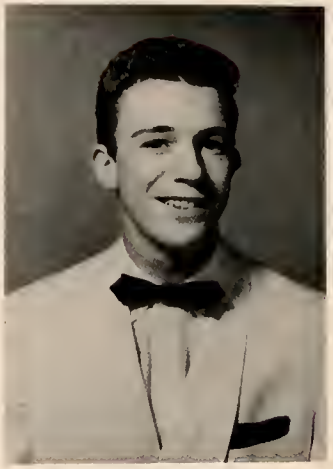
Student Council 4; St. Benedicts Club 2; St. John Berchmans' Society 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Alpha Sigma 3, 4; Hobby Club 3, 4; Junior Varsity Basketball 1; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4.

CARLOS G. STOUTE
"Carlos"
Panama, Rep. of Panama

Class Treasurer 4; THE RAMBLER Staff 4; St. John Berchmans' Society 3.

J. MICHAEL TUGGLE
"Mike"
Charlotte, N. C.

Day Student's Organization 4.



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"Ken"
Charlotte, N. C.

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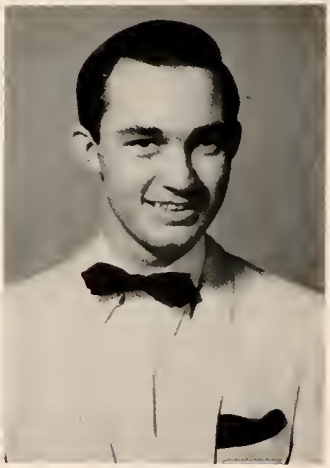

J. MICHAEL WHITLEY
"Mike"
Washington, N. C.

Veteran's Club 4.

THIRD PREP

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SECRETARY . . . . . Dowling
TREASURER . . . . . Vanore

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Forest City, N. C.

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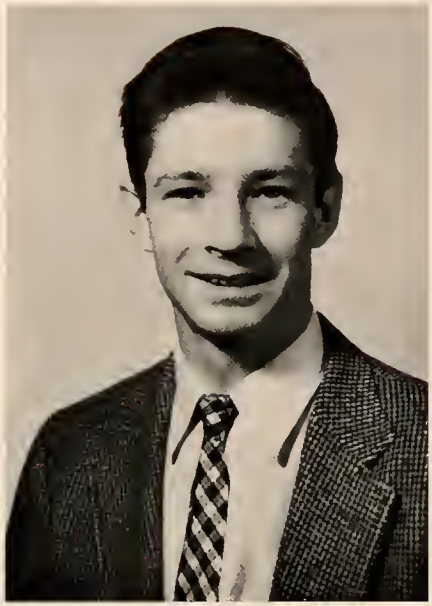

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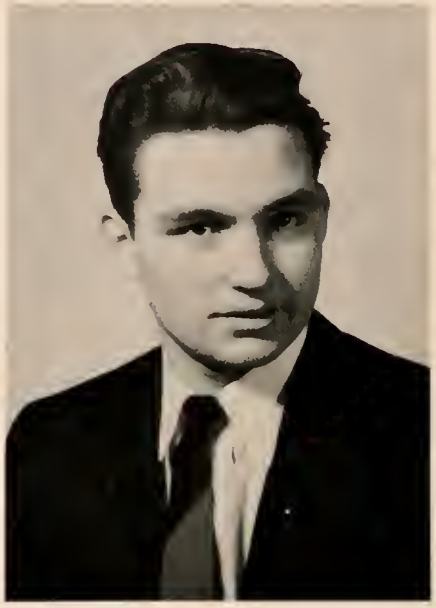

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Middleburg, Va.

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Charlotte, N. C.

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Gastonia, N. C.

Ed Laiewski
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Chuck Marginot
Alexandria, Va.

Burlon McCraney
Gastonia, N. C.

Larry Patty
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Jimmy Potter
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Cheraw, S. C.

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Southern Pines, N. C.

Andy Vanore
Robbins, N. C.

Joe Whitley
Washington, N. C.

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SECOND PREP CLASS OFFICERS

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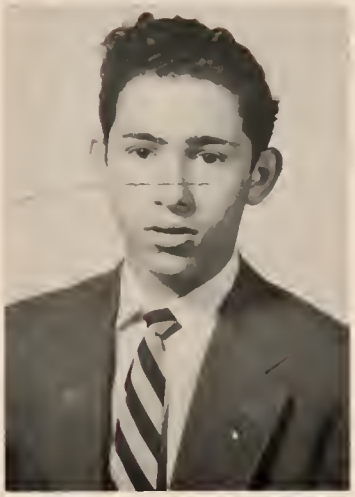

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John Campbell
Greensboro, N. C.

Bill Crowley
Charlotte, N. C.

Steve Delaney
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McAdenville, N. C.

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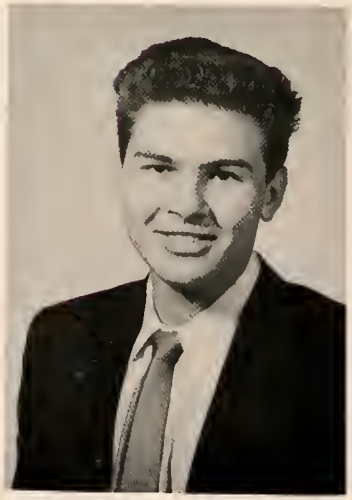

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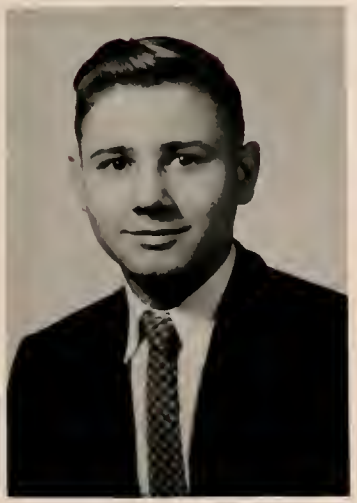

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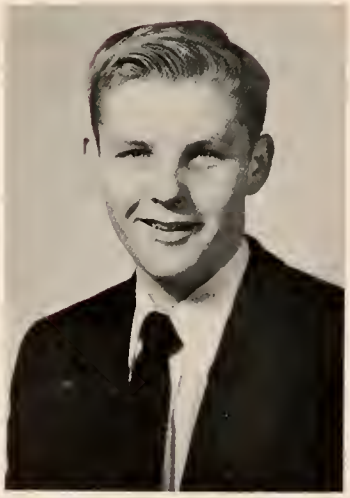

Howard Wheeler
Belmont, N. C.

John Ward
Atlantic City, N. J.

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VICE-PRESIDENT	Gossett
SECRETARY	Walsh
TREASURER	Donahue
STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	Nichols

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Mike Bourne
Arlington, Va.

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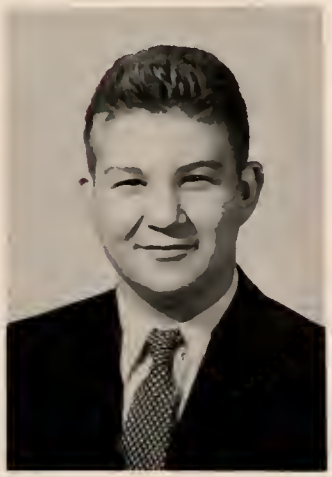

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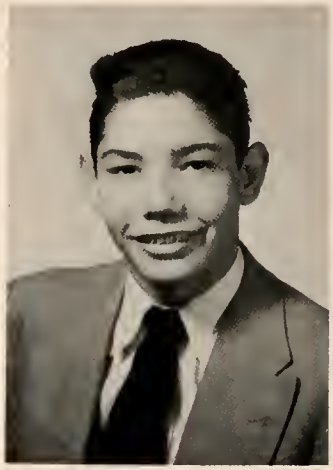

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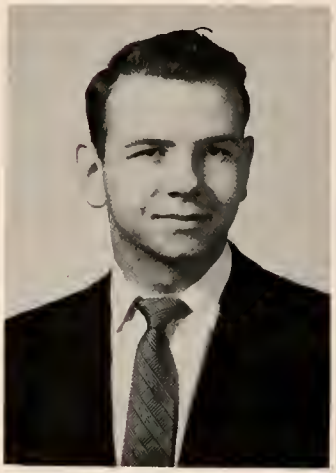


Ken Tanner
Roanoke, Va.

ACTIVITIES

"The Chem Lab on a Clear Day" or
"The Calm Before the Storm"

First Prep vs Algebra
(Algebra lost.)

Second Prep English
caught by surprise.

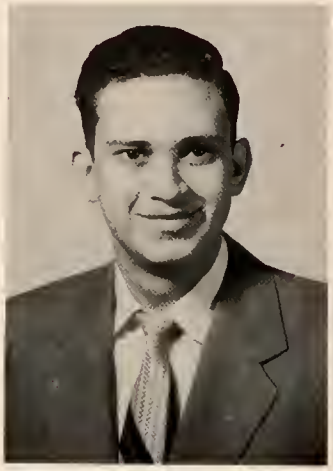
PREP STUDENT COUNCIL

Dunham . . . . . Secretary
Anderson . . . . . President
Gardner . . . . . Vice President

The Prep Student Council consists of the Presidents and Representatives of the four Prep classes plus the President or a delegate of every campus organization sanctioned by the Headmaster. Its purpose is to foster leadership and school spirit. The Student Council meets regularly and serves as the voice of the student body. The Council has as its moderator Fr. Raphael, O.S.B.

Seated L to R: Shirley, Laiewski, Schneider, Cowan, Dowling, Nichols, Jenkins, Tanner.
Standing: Jones, Tom Rummler, Dunham, Anderson, Gardner, Don Rummler.

THE RAMBLER



Manuel A. Lopez
Editor in Chief
THE RAMBLER

The Prep newspaper, THE RAMBLER, is published monthly by the students who are advised by Fr. Paul, O. S. B. The purpose of this paper is to keep the student body well informed of campus activities, and also to develop the talents of its staff. In publishing THE RAMBLER, the students have the opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of journalism.

Manuel Lopez, Editor; Rummler, Assistant Editor; Richard Bird, H. Wheeler, Associate Editors; C. Stoute, Production and Fred Nichols, Art.

BETA ALPHA SIGMA

The Beta Alpha Sigma is a service group whose primary aim is to promote campus activity. Each year the Beta has a project to which it donates all its profits gained through campus entertainment and the rental of lights and records to various school organizations for their own social events.

Seated L to R: Ed Laiewski, Donahue, Gardner, Vanore. Standing: Jenkins, Stan Laiewski, Schnieder, Shirley, Tom Rummler, Cowan, McDonnell, Whitley, Don Rummler, Patty, Dowling.

Frater Adrian W. Harmening
O.S.B.,
Moderator

Unsung, unheralded participants of a magnificent service to God, are these young men of Belmont Abbey. Always willing, ever ready to serve at the Sacred Functions at the Cathedral. Truly a most inspiring sight to behold.

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS' ALTER BOYS SOCIETY

Front Row L to R: Rev. Fr. Anselm, O. S. B., Larry Patty, Carlos Jeminez, Andy Vanore, John Ward, Bill Crowley. Second Row L to R: Fred Louis, Frank Calidonna, Larry O'Malley, Richard Bird, John Campbell, Fred Nichols. Third Row L to R: Joe Whitley, Ed Laiewski, Ormando Rodriguez, Bill Donahue, Mike Sievers, Stan Laiewski, Jim Anderson. Fourth Row L to R: Pat McDonnell, Steve Grinnell, Kenneth Tanner, Norbert Schneider, Edwin Jones. Fifth Row L to R: Don Shirley, Kenneth Wakeham, Matt Donahue, Dan Gardner, Mike Dowling, Gaylor Cowan. Absent: Jerry Talley, Joe Jenkins.

PREP SPIRE STAFF

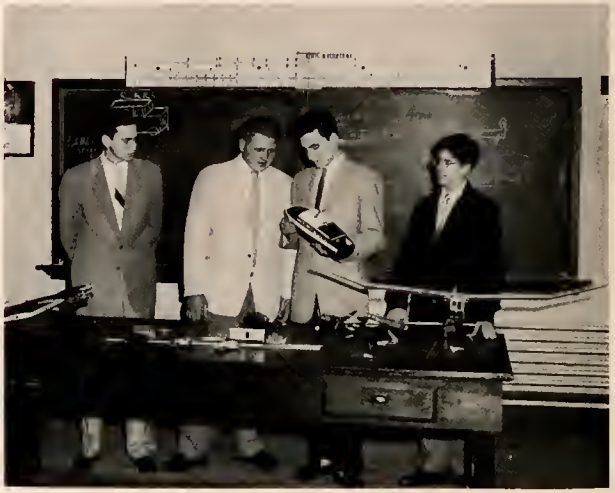
James I. Anderson
Editor

Daniel J. Gardner
Business Manager

L to R: Don Rummler, Photography; Jim Anderson, Editor; Tom Rummler, Assistant Editor; Dan Gardner, Advertising.

HOBBY CLUB

The purpose of the Hobby Club is to encourage students to exercise their creative ability in the building of models and the pursuit of useful hobbies. The Club has acquired tools and other equipment in the past year which are available to members. A contest is sponsored annually to reward students for outstanding craftsmanship.



Lopez . . . . . Secretary
Laiewski . . . . . President
Dowling . . . . . Vice President
Bird . . . . . Treasurer

First Row L to R: Schneider, Calidonna, Sievers, Lopez, Donahue. Second Row: Bird, Campbell, Stan Laiewski, Jenkins, Delaney. Third Row: Page, Taquechel, Ed Laiewski, Bourne, Don Rummler. Fourth Row: Tom Rummler, Vanore, Wakeham, Louis, Grinnell. Fifth Row: Fuhrer, Atria, Dowling, Crowley, Gossett, Johns, Roddy.

ATHLETICS

PREP MONOGRAM CLUB

Kneeling L to R: Talley, Dowling, Marginot, Dunham. Standing: Don Rummler, Jenkins, Gardner, Anderson, Shirley, McDonnell.

The Rambler Monogram Club is the athletic organization of the Prep School. The group is made up of all those who have earned their letters in interscholastic competition. Since the Prep has no baseball or football teams, all letters are earned in interscholastic basketball competition. Membership in the Club acts as an incentive for prospective athletes. This fact is brought plainly into view by the great majority of boys who attempt to gain a berth on the basketball squad. All members attend the athletic banquet at the close of the year. Fr. Raphael is the official moderator for the Club.

RAMBLER BASKETBALL

Seated L to R: Talley, Dowling, Shirley, Gardner (Capt.), Marginot, Cowan, Dunham, McDonnell. Standing: Jenkins (Mgr.), Whitley, Anderson, Wheeler, Fr. Raphael (Coach), Delaney, Louis, Ward, Rummler (Assistant Mgr.).

The Ramblers represent the Prep in interscholastic basketball competition. Although the team did not have a particularly brilliant year in terms of the won-lost record (7 to 13) due to the size of the schools against whom they played and the high quality competition, they showed a lot of fight and good clean basketball. The team was ably coached by Fr. Raphael O. S. B. The tournament in Asheville, N. C. saw a hard fighting Abbey team taking the runner-ups honors.

Ramblers 49	North Mecklenburg	66	Ramblers 51	Myers Park	60
Ramblers 60	Charlotte College	87	Ramblers 43	Tech	58
Ramblers 47	Gastonia	62	Ramblers 52	Bishop England	62
Ramblers 43	O'Donoghue	36	Ramblers 44	Belmont	47
Ramblers 44	North Mecklenburg	71	Ramblers 63	St. Francis	37
Ramblers 50	O'Donoghue	43	Ramblers 63	St. Francis	26
Ramblers 36	Charlotte College	50	Ramblers 50	Harding	60
Ramblers 34	Tech	56	Ramblers 44	Myers Park	56
Ramblers 40	Gastonia	38			

Tournament

Ramblers 66	Roanoke	35
Ramblers 36	St. John's	21
Ramblers 42	Bishop England	59

Joyce, swamped by requests, poses for bobby-soxers.

Gastonia's gift to the Ramblers frustrates the opponents.

Virginia's contribution smiles after little girl remarked, "Gosh you're big."

Anderson threatens to shoot if his opponent doesn't let him go by.

Captain "Midnight" Gardner throws in two while swallowing large apple.

'Hued" put his heart in the tournament at Asheville.

Gaylord swaps plow for basketball.

Cramps are bad right after mealtime.

Nassau's Sir Frederick Louis before the swish.

Wheeler gives directions to faked out opponent.

Whitley's jewelry fascinates the fans.

Two key men, Fr. Raphael (Coach) and Dan Gardner (Captain), talk basketball over trophy given to Ramblers for their near miss in the K. of C. tournament in Asheville.

The camera catches the Rambler's secret weapon in action.

Home town boy makes good.

Big Steve Delaney; Belmont Abbey's answer to "Goose" Tatum.

INTRAMURALS

Big Joe Whitley boots Gardner into the air as punishment for Dan's goofing on the last volley.

Freeman before the kill. R I P

Out of sight, Maurice?

Ball!

Cowan was safe, Johns got a mouthful of dirt, and Vanore squawked (as usual).

ADVERTISEMENTS

ACTIVITIES

COLLEGE

Not pictured or listed in the preceding pages are the following activities of Belmont Abbey College which during the process of the year were very much in evidence and made themselves felt as part of community life.

THE COLLEGE MONOGRAM CLUB composed of athletes who have earned their "A's".

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS an organization to exchange ideas and plans among Catholic students of the nation.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION GROUP composed of Philosophy Major and Minor students who gather to read a paper written by a student and the group then discusses the qualities and points of philosophy.

ST JOHN BERCHMANS' ALTAR BOYS SOCIETY organized for the purpose of preparing and training young men to serve and assist at the liturgical services and functions in the Abbey Cathedral.

PREP

THE ABBEY PLAYERS always welcome the Prep students into the Players circle. Many opportunities to act, scene design, costuming, lighting, and make-up, are available.

THE RIFLE TEAM is a composite group - College and Prep. See picture and write-up in College Section.

RADIO has invited many Prepsters into its fold. Many opportunities have been made available to all those who are interested. The greatest and most important contribution made this year has been over Station WLTC, Gastonia, with the Radio Panel High School Discussion Group.

A PANEL DISCUSSION GROUP ON FOREIGN EDUCATION APPEARED BEFORE ADULT GROUPS, RADIO PROGRAMS AND TV PRESENTATIONS:
Reading From Left to Right: Phil Sha - Manchuria, China: Dora Arenales - Guatemala: Yvonne Torres - Guam: Edmond Zaccour - Colombia: Constanza Penez - Columbia: Mirielle Bour - France: and, Joan Brown, Florida - moderator.

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This gigantic undertaking was completed through the cooperation of the Monks of Belmont Abbey with The Abbot Ordinary, Right Reverend Vincent G. Taylor, O. S. B., D. D., LL. D., whose fatherly interest in this work assured its completion. The Very Rev. Joseph Tonin, O. S. B., M. S.; The Rev. Bernard L. Rosswog, O. S. B., S. T. D.; The Rev. Anselm Biggs, O. S. B., PH. D.; and The Rev. Paul Milde, O. S. B., M. A., contributed precious time and invaluable assistance to the project.

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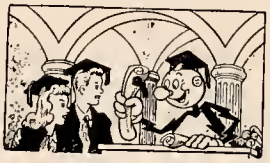

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